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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PDIP PDEV ENRG LAUEG SY YS IZ  
SUBJECT: LPDR OFFICIAL MAY VISIT EGYPT, SYRIA AND THE PDRY

1. THE EGYPTIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOLD US AUGUST 5 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO EGYPT BY NOUPHANH SITHPASAY, SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE EGYPTIANS ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR A NOUPHANH VISIT TO SYRIA AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN ON THE SAME TRIP.

2. THE CHARGE SAID THAT THE LAO ORIGINALLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN A SEPTEMBER VISIT TO EGYPT BUT THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT EXPECTS FOREIGN MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMY TO BE TOO BUSY TO RECEIVE NOUPHANH AT THAT  
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TIME, AND THAT IF THE LAO INSIST ON THE TIMING, NOUPHANH WILL BE RECEIVED BY A LOWER RANKING OFFICIAL.

3. THE CHARGE' SAID THAT THE LAO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SYRIAN OIL, BUT HE NOTED THAT IRAQI OIL PROMISED OVER A YEAR AGO NEVER REACHED LAOS BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF WHO WOULD REFINES THE IRAQI

CRUDE, AND WHO WOULD DELIVER IT. THE EXPERIENCE  
WITH THE IRAQIS HAS REPORTEDLY LEFT THE LAO SKEPTICAL  
ABOUT ARAB OIL ASSISTANCE.

4. COMMENT: NOUPHANH'S VISIT, IF IT MATERIALIZES,  
WOULD BE THE FIRST TO THE ARAB WORLD BY AN LPDR  
OFFICIAL.  
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